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Westly Comments on Hate Crimes and Threats Against Latinos

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SACRAMENTO – State Controller Steve Westly today made the following statement regarding recent death threats and hate crimes directed at Californians of Latino descent:

"My wife, Anita, immigrated to California with her family, so I know first-hand that California's diversity is what makes us strong.

"Courageous leaders like Lt. Gov. Bustamante and Los Angeles Mayor Villaraigosa cannot be deterred from their commitment to public service.

"Cowardly and hateful acts like these only strengthen the resolve of the overwhelming majority of Californians who believe in equality and peace for all of the people of our great State."

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